

Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks increased last week due to higher production and import levels. Total motor gasoline stocks were up 0.9 million barrels to end the week at 193.9 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline rose 1.7 million barrels to 37.6 million barrels as stocks of other finished (conventional) gasoline declined 0.9 million barrels to 106.1 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 49.7 million barrels, 0.1 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 11.0 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. The East Coast (PADD I) and Midwest (PADD II) were 4.8 million barrels and 3.9 million barrels below last year's respective levels for the week. Imports of total gasoline averaged 692 thousand barrels per day of which 160 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 317 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
District	03/16/01	03/23/01	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/07/00	03/16/01	03/23/01	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/07/00
East Coast (PADD I)	987	1,038	948	1,047	1,089	568	658	558	680	587
Midwest (PADD II)	1,881	1,897	1,871	1,857	1,842	282	273	283	255	290
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,377	3,320	3,446	3,453	3,698	540	569	688	643	796
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	231	227	255	253	247	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,390	1,388	1,435	1,546	1,478	955	959	991	1,148	979
U.S. Total	7,865	7,869	7,955	8,156	8,355	2,345	2,459	2,520	2,726	2,652

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending					
District	03/16/01	03/23/01	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/06/00	03/16/01	03/23/01	03/30/01	04/06/01	04/06/00	
East Coast (PADD I)	53.3	53.8	52.6	51.4	56.2	19.1	18.9	17.1	16.8	18.7	
Midwest (PADD II)	47.6	48.0	46.0	47.1	51.0	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.2	
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	60.3	58.1	58.4	59.2	60.7	8.3	7.7	7.8	9.3	9.2	
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	7.1	6.8	6.5	6.1	7.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
West Coast (PADD V)	29.9	29.5	29.6	30.0	29.8	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.7	11.9	
U.S. Total	198.2	196.3	193.0	193.9	204.9	38.5	37.6	35.9	37.6	41.0	

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices rose sharply over the last week, outpacing increases in crude oil and other petroleum product prices. Delays in the return of several major refinery units to service following maintenance, along with recent inventory declines, have amplified concerns over the adequacy of summer gasoline supplies. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline jumped 11.23 cents for the week to 92.80 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price rose 10.50 cents to 138.50 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for a second week, increasing by 5.8 cents to 150.0 cents per gallon as of April 9, 2001. The average was 2.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, and the highest since November 27, 2000. Prices rose significantly for all regions and formulations.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

		Reformulated Gasoline								
City	03/19/01	03/26/01	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/10/00	03/19/01	03/26/01	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/10/00
New York	75.15	82.10	81.57	92.80	65.79	78.65	86.35	90.45	100.25	74.64
Chicago	76.65	87.47	84.58	98.80	67.77	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	73.78	84.14	84.50	99.30	69.29	87.53	95.37	91.38	109.30	75.27
Los Angeles	103.00	118.00	123.00	133.50	75.50	108.00	123.00	128.00	138.50	78.50

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

		Reformulated Gasoline								
District	03/19/01	03/26/01	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/10/00	03/19/01	03/26/01	04/02/01	04/09/01	04/10/00
East Coast (PADD I)	134.5	134.6	136.3	143.6	143.7	143.4	142.6	143.3	147.2	152.1
Midwest (PADD II)	136.7	137.8	143.6	150.4	139.8	138.9	138.1	149.5	160.6	145.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	133.7	131.7	134.3	140.3	142.7	133.2	135.0	139.2	144.9	146.0
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	143.3	143.8	144.8	147.8	154.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	154.6	154.1	153.6	153.9	165.0	168.7	167.6	170.8	174.6	174.6
U.S. Average	137.1	137.3	140.7	146.9	143.9	148.2	147.5	151.8	157.5	155.9

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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